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**California Transportation Commission Allocates
\$239 Million to Bring BART to San Jose
Approval Completes \$760 Million in State Funding
for Constructing BART Extension**

SAN JOSE – Mayor Chuck Reed applauds the California Transportation Commission for voting this morning to approve \$239 million in state transportation funds for the BART extension from Warm Springs to Santa Clara County.

“The BART extension will help complete a regional transportation system, a vital part of our economic future,” said Mayor Reed. “With more than 98,000 projected riders each weekday, BART will provide an efficient way for Bay Area residents to commute while lessening our dependence on foreign oil and helping the environment. I am delighted that the California Transportation Commission has authorized this \$239 million in funding for the Valley Transportation Agency, moving the BART extension forward and bringing relief to our congested freeways.”

The \$239 million in state funds will be used to complete engineering for the southern BART extension and will complete state funding of \$760 million for bringing BART to San Jose.

Please join San José Mayor and VTA Board Member Chuck Reed, Supervisor and VTA Board Chair Liz Kniss, Councilmember and VTA Board Member Sam Liccardo, and VTA Executive Director Michael Burns, and this afternoon for a press conference regarding this funding.

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: San Jose City Hall Plaza (in front of the Rotunda)
200 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose

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